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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Elk Grove – Officer Killed by Suspected DUI Driver

(U) An Elk Grove police officer was killed by a suspected DUI driver going the wrong way on Highway 99. Officer Tyler Lenehan, a six-year Elk Grove police veteran, became the first police officer in the city's history to die in the line of duty. The suspect was arrested by California Highway Patrol in connection with the deadly collision. The suspect faces multiple charges related to the incident. Officer Lenehan came to law enforcement from the United States Air Force, beginning his career with the Citrus Heights Police Department before joining the Elk Grove department in 2016.

SOURCE: 23 January 2022, Modesto Bee

(U) Sacramento – Phishing Scam Data Breach Exposed Health and Personal Information

(U) A phishing scam involving Sacramento County employees exposed thousands of records containing health information and hundreds more with personal identifying information. County officials said five employees gave out their official login information through an external website after receiving emails sent by unknown scammers in June 2021. During an audit of email mailboxes, the county discovered that 2,096 records containing protected health information and 816 record of personal identification information were exposed after the phishing scam. Since the data breach, the county has changed passwords and strengthened password requirements, updated its security management plan, retrained workers and implemented two-factor authentication.

SOURCE: 22 January 2022, Sacramento Bee

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico - Authorities Arrest Suspected Northeast Cartel Leader in Ciudad Juarez

(U) Ciudad Juarez – Authorities arrested the suspected leader of the Northeast Cartel in Ciudad Juarez by agents of the State Investigation Agency. The leader is allegedly in charge of the cartel's operations in Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, and Zacatecas states. The suspect is accused of homicide along with numerous other charges. The Coahuila State Prosecutor's Office worked in coordination with the State Investigation Agency to track down the suspected leader.

SOURCE: 23 January 2022, Infobae

(U) Texas - Authorities Seize \$1.8 Million in Meth at I-35 Checkpoint

(U) Laredo – Authorities advise US Border Patrol seized about \$1.8 million in methamphetamine at the Interstate 35 checkpoint. After agents referred a tractor-trailer to secondary inspection, they discovered two duffle bags hidden inside boxes on a pallet of cargo containing 91 pounds of meth with an estimated street value of \$1.8 million. Authorities detained the driver, a US citizen, pending further investigation. Special agents with the Drug Enforcement Administration have taken over the investigation.

SOURCE: 21 January 2022, LMT Online

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(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – US Draws Down Ukraine Embassy

(U) Washington – The State Department yesterday ordered the families of all American personnel at the US Embassy in Ukraine to leave the country amid heightened fears of a Russian invasion. The department told the dependents of staffers at the US Embassy in Kyiv that they must leave the country. It also said that non-essential embassy staff could leave Ukraine at government expense. The move came amid rising tensions about Russia's military buildup on the Ukraine border that were not eased during talks Friday between Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Geneva.

SOURCE: 23 January 2022, Associated Press

(U) New York – NYPD Officer Killed, One Injured in Shooting

(U) New York City – Authorities said that a New York police officer was killed, and another significantly injured after responding to a domestic situation between family members. Officer Jason Rivera, who was 22 years old, was killed in the doorway from a suspect who swung the door open and fired shots at the responding officers. Another officer shot the suspect, whose condition was not released. Authorities recovered a stolen gun at the scene and advised the suspect has a lengthy criminal history. The other wounded officer Is in critical condition and undergoing surgery.

SOURCE: 21 January 2022, KXLF

(U) Texas – Driver Fatally Shoots Deputy Before Fleeing

(U) Houston – Authorities said a driver shot and killed a Houston-area deputy during an early-morning traffic stop and then got back in his vehicle and drove off. The deputy, Cpl. Charles Galloway, worked for the constable's office for 12 and a half years. Witnesses saw a man get out of his vehicle and fire multiple shots at the deputy before driving off. The suspect is not currently in custody and Houston police are handling the investigation.

SOURCE: 23 January 2022, ABC News

(U) Texas – Man Charged with Threatening to Kill Georgia Election Official

(U) Leander – The Justice Department charged a Texas man with publicly calling for the assassination of Georgia's election officials on the day before the 6 January attack on the Capitol. The case is the first brought by the department's Elections Threats Task Force, an agency created last summer to address threats against elections and election workers. The suspect posted on Craigslist for "Georgia Patriots" to "put a bullet" in a Georgia election official. The post came at a moment of intense political pressure against election officials in battleground states in 2020. The suspect was charged with one count of communicating interstate threats and could face up to five years in prison if convicted.

SOURCE: 21 January 2022, New York Times

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany - Four Injured, Gunmen Dead, After Shooting at Heidelberg University

(U) Heidelberg – Authorities said a lone gunman opened fire in an auditorium at Heidelberg University in south west Germany injuring four people. Authorities believe the perpetrator, described as a young man, began shooting while a lecture was taking place and killed himself during the incident. Authorities have not determined a motive for the incident and an investigation is underway.

SOURCE: 24 January 2022, CNN

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(U) Syria – ISIS Prison Break Repelled by Kurdish-led Forces in Syria

(U) Hasaka – Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces repelled an Islamic State attack on a prison to break out inmates with the support of air strikes by a US-led coalition. Islamic State militants claimed via Telegram its militants had waged a wide-scale attack on the prison in northeastern Syria and that clashed were ongoing nearby and in other neighborhoods. Sources within the Pentagon said that the Kurdish-led forces killed 23 Islamic State militants including foreigners in the clashes after the jihadist group attempted to free prisoners from the jail in Hasaka. The attack is the second time since December that Islamic State has attacked the prison in an effort to free inmates.

SOURCE: 21 January 2022, National Post

(U) Yemen – US Detains Smuggling Ship, UK Seizes Drugs in Mideast Waters

(U) Lahore – The US Navy said it seized a boat in the Gulf of Oman carrying fertilizers used to make explosives that was caught last year smuggling weapons to Yemen. The British Royal Navy also confiscated 1,041 kilograms of illegal drugs in the same waters. The interdictions were just the latest in the volatile waters of the Persian Gulf as American and British authorities step up seizures of contraband during the grinding conflict in Yemen and ongoing drug trafficking in the region. Yemen is awash with small arms that have been smuggled into the country's poorly controlled ports over years of conflict. Since 2015, Iranian-backed Houthi rebels have been battling a Saudi-led military coalition for control of the nation.

SOURCE: 23 January 2022, ABC News

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